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EISENHOWER SAVED G. O. P.

A look at the history of presidential election returns for the past few decades shows clearly that President Eisenhower saved the G. O. P. at a critical moment in that political party's history.

Back in 1924 and 1928, the G. O. P. was strong. In 1928, though some of us have forgotten it, the Republican candidate, Herbert Hoover, swamped Al Smith in a landslide vote, 444 electoral votes to 87.

But 1928 was the last good year for the Republicans until 1952 — twenty-four years later. In those twenty-four years, the Republican Party's fortunes sunk so low that some people began to think the Party could never come back.

Perhaps the low point in the Republican's lean twenty-four years came in 1948, when Thomas E. Dewey ran against Harry Truman, who had become President at the death of President Franklin Roosevelt. Republicans thought Dewey was the favorite, and so did the pollsters, but Mr. Truman defeated Mr. Dewey rather easily—303 electoral votes to 189—while the States Rights Democratic candidate, Strom Thurmond, was receiving 39 electoral votes from five states in the South.

It seems clear that, had Eisenhower decided to run as a Democrat, either in 1948 or 1952, he would have won handily—as a Democrat. On the other hand, he would probably have finally dashed the hopes of Republicans, for eight more years of Democratic rule would have put the Republicans out of office for thirty-two years, and such an absence is certain to threaten a party with extinction.

But Eisenhower chose to run as a Republican, and in 1952 he reversed the trend which had been fairly consistent in five Presidential elections, and swamped Adlai Stevenson in both the 1952 and 1956 elections.

But the proof that Eisenhower is stronger than his party, and that it was his personal popularity that swept the G. O. P. back into power, is a comparison of his vote with that of Republican candidates for House and Senate. In the face of an Eisenhower landslide, the Democrats won both House and Senate. It would certainly appear that had not Eisenhower been on the ticket, the Democratic margins in both House and the Senate would have been very much greater.

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UNITED NATIONS — DEBATING SOCIETY

The United Nations has been a picture of futility in the last few weeks. While three major powers, Russia, England and France, and one smaller power, Israel, decided to resort to the use of force, the United Nations was having meetings, getting headlines and doing much talking, and accomplishing little. It points up to the concept that the United Nations, without a police force to back it, is little more than a glorified debating society. And with over 200,000 Russian troops in Hungary, the tiny token UN police force being assembled to go into Egypt, exists only so long as the big powers permit it.

There is great merit in having an international debating society. It can be, and is, a sounding board for the formulation of world opinion, and the development of international moral persuasion. However, all of that was true of the League of Nations a generation ago. The UN did not order Russia out of Hungary, because it had no way to make Russia get out of Hungary.

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THE CANCER FEAR

A doctor, writing recently in a national publication, pointed out that many Americans were so afraid of cancer that they did not have the courage to be examined for signs or evidence of the disease. Moreover, the doctor wrote that some patients when asked to undergo an examination to determine if a tumor, or a growth, was cancerous, automatically conclude they are dying of cancer and sometimes even give up in despair and terror, resigning themselves to an early death.

It seems reasonably certain that, eventually, a cure for cancer will be found. Just as tuberculosis was almost sure death, when discovered, some years ago, and now is on its way to extinction, cancer will also some day be conquered.

There are indications that cancer could be caused by viruses, and a combination of things, and it is vitally important for people to keep themselves in good health and keep their resistance high, so that they will not be susceptible to attacking germs or viruses, which might or might not be present much of the time.

But, until a cure for cancer is found, it is certainly wise for all Americans to take normal precautions to investigate anything suspicious. And—rather than fearing an investigation—periodic check-ups are advisable, since cancer, if caught early can be cured in many cases. It is not always fatal, and the patient who submits to examination and discovers this disease in time will almost certainly be able to rid himself of the danger and survive.

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ANTHONY EDEN

It seems clear—in the light of the British Government's forceful action in the Middle East—that Anthony Eden is determined not to go down in history as the Prime Minister who liquidated the British Empire.

It will be recalled that former Prime Minister Winston Churchill once remarked he certainly was not eager to have that end result attributed to his stewardship of the British Government.

In fololwing the aggressive course he has taken, Eden has surprised some of his friends in other democratic countries, although he seems to have received fairly solid support from Conservatives in the House of Commons.

Eden, however, said Britain did not wish to stay in the Canal Zone, and that she would stay only as long as it was necessary, and that she would reestablish peace in that area. Eden, quite opposite from the once-held view, is an advocate of strong foreign policies and the use of power politics, when necessary. It is probably true that he is not as effective in putting forth his position in comparison with Winston Churchill, but it is true that he is equally forceful in molding a foreign policy for the British Government. In this latest crisis, he has been a man of decision, and action, and is now likely to emerge as a stronger leader than before.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

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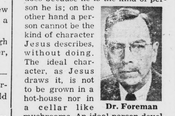
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Matthew 4:23 to 5:16.
Devotional Reading: Psalms 15:1-15; 24:3-6.

Christian Persons

Lesson for November 18, 1956

WHICH is more important, what a person is or what he does? According to Jesus, what a person is, is the main thing. These two cannot be separated. On the one hand a person does what he does because he is the kind of person he is; on the other hand a person cannot be the kind of character Jesus describes, without doing. The ideal character, as Jesus draws it, is not to be grown in a hot-house nor in a cellar like mushrooms. An ideal person develops only in a world of persons. But let us see. Every one of what we call the eight "Beatitudes" or "Blessed's" needs very careful study. All one this column can do is to call attention in a very general way to three ways about Christian persons as Jesus pictures them here. Perhaps no actual Christian every fully matches the picture, the ideal; but the more a Christian resembles this description, the more these three facts will be true about him.



Dr. Foreman

A Christian Is Happy

Again and again in reading the Bible we come to something that shows what nonsense it is to think of the Christian life, the God-pleasing life, as a sort of prison existence. God's requirements are not like chains, weights, handcuffs, barbed wire, electric fences. They are what makes life truly free and strong. When Jesus describes the ideal—God's ideal—character, in these Beatitudes, he begins every sentence with the word which though often translated "blessed" was the regular ordinary word for "happy." Some people get the whole business of what it means to be a Christian, sadly twisted. They think: What a Christian has to do and be is not pleasant; but he grits his teeth and goes through with his hard task bravely, knowing that God will one day reward him for his life of martyrdom. Not at all. According to Jesus, the ideal character is the one that finds real joy in becoming more and more like our Father in heaven. Your real athlete is the man who enjoys sports, not the man who goes out for athletics only so as to earn a "letter." Your real artist is the person who loves to paint or write, not the man who writes or paints only because he has to, to make money. Your real cook is the man or woman who enjoys cooking, not the one who feels like a martyr over a kitchen range. So your real Christian is the one who is happy being one.

Christian Life Flows Outward

A second fact about the Christian life is that it is not self-centered but flows outward. It is not like a swamp into which streams flow without ever finding an outlet; it is more like a mountain lake, fed by fresh springs and kept fresh because its water flow on in a sparkling river. A person cannot be truly good if he lives to himself and for himself. Consider how many of the Beatitudes could be true of a hermit living on an inland apart from other people. Very few, if any. A selfish Christian is a contradiction in terms. "Love thy neighbor as thyself" is a commandment older than Christianity; but Christ himself approved it. "What do I get?" is not the Christian's first question, but "How may I help?" This does not mean that a good Christian is a kind of meddlesome Mattie, running around sticking his finger into other people's affairs. It does mean that in the countless human contacts which he has everyday, as well as in his whole life-plan, he will not think of the world of men as merely an orange which is his to squeeze.

Out of Line?

Now a man from Mars might think that Christians would be the most popular people in the world. Everybody would love them and want them around. As a matter of fact, we have to remember that Jesus himself was bitterly hated and finally crucified. In the Beatitudes themselves there is the prediction that "all manner of evil" things will be said of Christ's followers. The simple, ugly reason for this is that this is a world still mostly out of line with God, which in other words means out of line with Love. The true Christian will always seem somewhat out of line with this world. If all men speak well of you, there must be something wrong with you.

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Washington Notes

RAILROAD INCOME

The estimated net income of Class I railroads for the first eight months of 1956 was $530 million, compared with $579 million in the corresponding period of 1955. The estimate for August was $87 million, against $90 million for August of 1955.

COLDS

Industry's state in the cost of sniffles in the nation for the coming fall and winter season is the loss of about 150,000,000 work days a year. Workers lose wages and pay medical bills. All of this, it is estimated, adds up to an estimated $5,000,000,000 cost each year.

WHEAT SOIL BANK

Up to Sept. 28, winter wheat farmers had signed 106,485 agreements putting 4,335,555 acres in the soil bank program. This was considerably less than the goal of 15,000,000 acres for which the department had hoped would be placed in the soil bank, including coverage on both winter and on spring wheat.

SOIL BANK

The Agriculture Department has reported that it had paid farmers $139,653,543 through October 26th for participating in the new soil bank program this year. Farmers who agreed to take land out of the production of such surplus crops as corn, wheat, cotton, rice, peanuts and tobacco were eligible for payments, now expected to total more than $250,000,000 this year. Iowa led with total payments of $31,687,572. Texas was second with $13,586,282, and Illinois was third with $12,880,924.

VACCINE BIDS

Following charges of excessive prices, price-fixing and possible violation of the Sherman Anti-trust law, made by a subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee, the Public Health Service has announced it would open bids on Salk Vaccine. This will be the first short-term bid asked since September, 1955, when eleven bids for specific amounts for eleven states were invited.

MOST TRAVELED

The Passport Office recently reported that American housewives received 27.5 per cent of all passports issued or renewed in the first nine months of this year — the largest group. Students were second with 9.4 per cent and clerk-secretaries third with 5.6 per cent. The Passport Office reported it issued or renewed 480,188 travel permits from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30, a 7.4 per cent increase over the first nine months of 1955.

WORLD WHEAT

World production of wheat this year was a record 7,510,000,000 bushels — 130,000,000 more than last year, according to the Agriculture Department. Increases were reported in all continents except Europe and Australia, where crop reductions occurred, due to damage and too wet weather.

U. S. EDUCATION AID

A total of $1,600,000,000 in federal support went to 81 education programs in the 1955-56 school year, according to the Office of Education. This is less than half the amount spent in the 1948-49 school year, when education aid under the GI bill was at its peak. The amount then was $3,200,000,000, of which $2,700,000,000 went to college educations for veterans.

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Tips Offered for Christmas Mail

Postal patrons this coming Christmas season can speed the processing and assure quicker delivery of their Christmas parcels and cards by mailing themselves of various postal services and free postal information pamphlets, Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced today.

The services mentioned by the Postmaster General include:

1. This year, for the first time, small parcels may be mailed at the lower fourth-class postage rates without labels, notations, endorsements or hieroglyphics of any kind permitting the opening of the parcel for postal inspection. Packages sealed with modern sealing materials or even with just plain Christmas seals should carry better protection than unsealed ones. Strong cord should also be used.

2. Combination Mail, which was used for the first time during last Christmas season, and which permits a mailer to enclose a letter or message inside a gift parcel and pay the appropriate postage on it plus the postage for the package itself.

3. Certified Mail, also used for the first time in the 1955 season, which permits mailers to have proof of delivery of Christmas letters, cards or parcels, having no intrinsic value for a postal fee of 15 cents plus first class postage.

4. Registered mail which provides greater security protection to letters and parcels carrying items of real financial value.

5. Special Delivery mail which is given immediate delivery at the office of address during prescribed hours.

6. Airmail and air parcel post which provides quick delivery of cards and parcels to all sections of the country.

The free postal pamphlets — available at all post offices — are entitled, "Packaging and Mailing Parcels for Mailing" and "Domestic Potsage Rates and Fees." Used together, these pamphlets should answer practically all questions any Christmas mailer might have on fees, rates, special services and protection of Christmas parcels in transit.

The Postmaster General emphasized the importance of separating local and out-of-town mail. Free labels for that purpose are available at post offices.

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Garden Talk

By Appomattox Garden Club

Today let's talk about clematis, the vine that is so popular in our part of Virginia. Do you remember the first time you saw a bower of white wild clematis on the edge of a breathless forest in late summer . . about the time blackberries were ripe? If a lazy breeze happened to drift by, you will remember a heady perfumed air.

Clematis is the name of a group of climbing shrubs and herblike perennials which belong to the buttercup family. The wild American species is called Clematis virginiana, or Virginia-bower. After its fragrant white star-like blossoms drop off, the vine is covered with silky tufts of seed clusters.

The cultivated varieties of clematis include Clematis jackmani, which has blue purple blossoms that often measure from 3 to 6 inches in diameter; Mme. Edouard Andre, with large red blossoms; lavender Romona; Perle d' Azur; and Crimson King.

Some tips that will insure success with clematis are:

1. Plant clematis in soil that is limy—it does not thrive in acid soil. Test soil and apply lime if needed.

2. After young plants are set out, stake securely. They are tender and easily damaged.

3. Protect lower stems against injury until the vines are well established.

4. Surround clematis bases with other plants in order to give them light shade. For instance, yellow-toned tuberous begonias should do well in front of a clematis vine covered with lavender blossoms. They make a striking display.

5. Lay porous mulch over root area. This will allow the water to soak in around roots and help prevent evaporation.

Supply ample water during dry seasons. The foliage and blossoms will be dwarfed if they do not get enough water.

7. Add a balanced plant food to have a fine thriving vine.

8. If rabbits are a pest in your yard or garden, better protect the lower stems with mesh wire. The stems present tempting nibbling to Brer Rabbit.

Clematis vines will thrive and bring pleasure for many years. Like to order a plant or two from your favorite nurseryman? He will ship at the proper planting time.

Note: We of the Appomattox Garden Club deeply regret that there was an omission in the report on our recent flower show. Mrs. A. J. Zastrow, of Spout Spring, won a blue ribbon on her specimen of Ami Quinard rose, in Section 1, Class 1. This error on our part was occasioned by a lack of "manpower" on the morning of October 20, when exhibits were entered. Some of us were unavoidedly detained, and this worked a hardship on the clerks who did double duty.

There may have been other omissions—if so we shall be glad to make emends, if some one will call it to our attention.

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David Austin High in FFA Forest Contest

David Austin, an Appomattox High School junior, was high man in the recent Hub Federation F. F. A. forestry judging contest. The local high school's first team placed fourth in the contest, held in Bedford County near Huddleston. The first team was composed of Richard Krantz, senior; Kinckle Martin and James Cheatham, both juniors. Appomattox's alternate team consisted of David Austin, John Evans, a Junior; and Ralph Inge, a junior in the local high school.

Highest score in the contest was 327 by David Austin of the Robert E. Lee F. F. A. Chapter. Highest team score went to the Concord Chapter with 875 points. William Campbell was second high team, with 867 points, and Moneta High School was third with 854. The Appomattox High School team scored 832 points to rate in fourth place.

This forestry contest is an annual affair sponsored by the Hub Future Farmer Federation, which is composed of nine F. F. A. chapters in Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford and Campbell Counties. The contest includes identifying trees, estimating pulpwood in standing trees, estimating timber in standing trees, selective cutting to improve woodlands, and woodland management. An intensive forestry training program in the vocational agriculture classes in the high schools precedes these forestry contests. The object is to teach the students the real value of our forest resources, and how they can manage them for the greatest good of themselves and future generations.

CASUAL BURGLAR

New Haven, Conn.- The burglar who broke into a combination restaurant - sporting goods store had a snack of imported ham, cheese and fried eggs, smoked a cigar he took from the tobacco counter, outfitted himself with new shoes, socks and a hat, took $32 from the cash register and then tripped the burglar alarm. But when the police arrived, he was nowhere to be seen.

UNDONE BY "WIDOW"

Sioux Falls, S. D.- Explaining why his car ran into a parked automobile, a man said a lost Black Widow spider was responsible. He said he had found the spider at his place of employment and was taking it to a scientist when he noticed it was missing from the bottle he had placed it in. In looking for the lost spider, he lost control of his car and the crash resulted.

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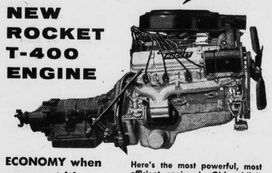

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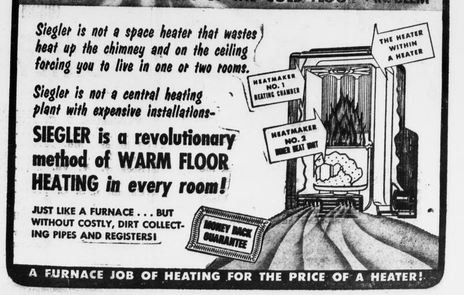

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